Inadequate Remunerative Price for Coffee

576. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the resentment amongst the coffee growers of Karnataka for not getting adequate remunerative prices of their produce; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to help the coffee growers of the State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is fully aware that the coffee growers all over India are not getting the same remunerative prices today as they were getting 2-3 years ago. Concerned with the depressed coffee prices, the Govt. of India has recently approved, in principle, India's participation in the retention scheme of the Association of Coffee Producing Countries (ACPC). It is hoped that the implementation of the said plan for Indian coffee will help in boosting the prices of coffee.

Closed and Sick Industries

577. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of closed and sick large, medium and small scale industries in the country; State-wise in 1998, 1999 and 2000 separately; and

(b) what steps have been taken to stop the growing incidence of sickness and revive them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour, collects information on industrial closure. 425 industrial units have been reported closed under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 from 1998 to 2000. State-wise details are at enclosed as Statement-I. (*see* below)

Data on sick industrial units, assisted by banks in the country, is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Details of sick

industrial units up to March, 2000 are enclosed as Statement-II. (*See* below)

(b) The Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units which, *inter-alia* include guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act etc.

Statement-I

State-wise industries closes in the country

(Figures in numbers)

Name of the State/Union Territories	No. of closed Non-SSI sick/ weak units 1998	No. of closed Non-SSI sick/ weak units 1999	No. of closed Non-SSI sick/ weak units 2000(P)
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	0	2	3
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Assam	0	1	0
Bihar	4	3	0
Chandigarh	0	3	0
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0
Delhi	2	0	0
Goa	2	4	4
Gujarat	34	14	19
Haryana	2	2	4
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	4
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
Karnataka	3	3	8
Kerala	0	9	8
Lakshadweep	0	0	Not available
Madhya Pradesh	4	9	0
Maharashtra	1	0	0
Manipur	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0

Name of the State/Union Territories	No. of closed Non-SSI sick/ weak units 1998	No. of closed Non-SSI sick/ weak units 1999	No. of closed Non-SSI sick/ weak units 2000(P)
Orissa	13	5	8
Pondicherry	21	5	17
Punjab	1	51	0
Rajasthan	1	5	3
Sikkim	0	0	Not available
Tamil Nadu	7	2	2
Tripura	42	18	6
Uttar Pradesh	38	13	Not available
West Bengal	0	10	5
TOTAL	175	159	91

Source : Labour Bureau, Shimla.

Statement-II

Sick industrial units in the country

(Figures in numbers)

Name of the State/ Union Territories	March, 1998		March, 1999		March, 2000	
	Non-SSI & weak units	SSI units	Non-SSI & weak units	SSI units	Non-SSI & weak units	SSI units
Andaman & Nicobar	0	45	0	25	0	31
Andhra Pradesh	295	12074	369	6260	400	12461
Arunachal Pradesh	2	456	2	116	12	120
Assam	44	15774	47	10586	48	11445
Bihar	63	24935	74	26293	79	26909
Chandigarh	3	163	5	187	14	156
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	8	2	9	24	9	46
Daman & Diu	5	3	5	13	8	10
Delhi	34	3580	60	3789	79	3309
Goa	13	670	15	216	14	161
Gujarat	215	6808	223	4170	281	5928

(Figures in numbers)

Name of the State/ Union Territories	March, 1998		March, 1999		March, 2000	
	Non-SSI & weak units	SSI unit	Non-SSI & weak units	SSI units	Non-SSI & weak units	SSI units
Haryana	86	2149	103	3180	101	2952
Himachal Pradesh	32	735	32	1103	30	893
Jammu & Kashmir	7	1627	7	630	9	2002
Karnataka	171	6680	180	4342	218	5416
Kerala	85	8969	80	10074	76	9017
Madhya Pradesh	116	8348	130	6808	163	6072
Maharashtra	410	17925	495	13373	580	9115
Manipur	2	1919	2	5237	2	5577
Meghalaya	2	4076	1	447	13	528
Mizoram	0	615	4	40	5	41
Nagaland	2	1386	5	166	8	168
Orissa	57	1889	68	10134	60	7444
Pondicherry	15	431	13	770	15	1052
Punjab	69	2376	80	3551	90	1897
Rajasthan	87	15655	74	12835	88	7560
Sikkim	1	33	1	28	1	25
Tamil Nadu	198	12289	248	11408	285	11602
Tripura	6	2011	4	6914	3	7170
Uttar Pradesh	208	14294	218	17320	232	21235
West Bengal	240	53617	238	146182	241	143893
TOTAL	**2476**	**221536**	**2792**	**306221**	**3164**	**304235**